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SUBJECT: REFORGER "77" AND EVANS/NOVAK ARTICLES ON PRM-10

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1. THE AUGUST 3 EVANS/NOVAK ARTICLE ALLEGING THAT PRM-10
DECISIONS WOULD CHANGE U.S. STRATEGY FOR THE DEFENSE OF
EUROPE INDICATED THAT EACH OF PRM-10'S FOUR OPTIONS FOR LOWER-
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RANGE U.S. DEFENSE SPENDING ENVISAGED STOPPING A SOVIET OFFENSIVE
AGAINST THE FRG "AT A LINE FORMED BY THE WESER AND LECH RIVERS."

2. BY UNFORTUNATE COINCIDENCE, THE PORTION OF "REFORGER 77"
EXERCISE WHICH IS TO BE HELD IN BAVARIA CALLS FOR THE FRIENDLY
"BLUE" FORCES TO DEFEND A LINE JUST WEST OF THE LECH RIVER FROM
ATTACKING ENEMY "ORANGE" FORCES.

3. IN VIEW OF EVANS/NOVAK ARTICLE AS WELL AS EXTENSIVE PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF SO-CALLED "NUETRON BOMB" ISSUE, FRG AND U.S. MEDIA ARE LIKELY TO DEVOTE CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO THIS YEAR'S "REFORGER" EXERCISE. ALTHOUGH FRG MIN DEFENSE SELECTED "REFORGER 77" EXERCISE AREA AND AREA WAS SELECTED BEFORE THE INAUGURATION OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, IT SEEMS POSSIBLE THAT SOME ELEMENTS OF MEDIA COULD POSTULATE A NEFRARIOUS CONNECTION BETWEEN THE EVANS/NOVAK ASSERTIONS AND FACT THAT EXERCISE WILL BE HELD IN VICINITY OF LECH.

4. MOVEMENT OF UNITS AND EQUIPMENT PARTICIPATING IN "REFORGER 77" IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 9 REPEAT 9. EMBASSY MAY WISH, THEREFORE, TO TAKE EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH MFA AND MIN DEFENSE QUESTION OF HOW FRG AND U.S. MEDIA SHOULD BE BRIEFED ABOUT EXERCISE.

5. U.S. FORCES LIAISON OFFICER FOR BAVARIA HAS EXPRESSED PARALLEL CONCERN IN AUGUST 22 MESSAGE TO CINCPAC.
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